

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

By the present communication, claims 98-104 are amended. Claims 1-69, 73-76, 79-85, 92 and 94-96 were previously canceled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Courtesies extended to Applicant's representative in the Interview with the Examiner on January 30, 2008 are acknowledged with appreciation. Pursuant to that discussion, the dependencies of claims 99-104 have been updated to reflect that each of these claims depend from claim 98. No new matter is added by this amendment, as the amended claims are supported by the Examples and the claims as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment places the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 70-72, 77-78, 86-91, 93, 97, and 98-104 are now pending in this application.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,


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